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ACE Deployment A Post Implementation Update

On November 2, 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) deployed new core trade processing capabilities into the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). The new functionality was developed using the Agile development methodology, enabling more frequent release of capabilities, and was part of the first of seven (A-G) planned deployments using this methodology. ACE Deployment A capabilities included new ACE Cargo Release enhancements; PGA Message Set features to support the upcoming pilots with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS); and new Entry Summary Validations for tariff classification and Harbor Maintenance Fees (HMF).

Concurrent with Deployment A, CBP migrated ACE Reports to a modernized platform that supports development of future fixes and enhancements. All users are now able to access the new interface and any saved reports that migrated from the previous reports environment. Additionally, the Authorized Data Extracts (ADEs) were relocated to a new interface.

In support of the ACE Reports upgrade, CBP updated the [ACE Reports User Guide](#) (UG) recorded a [Basic ACE Reports for Trade Webinar](#) and created an [ACE Data Extracts Quick Reference Guide](#) (QRG) providing instructions on running ACE Reports and running the Authorized Data Extracts in the new interfaces. To access ACE Report training documentation or the recorded webinar, please visit the "How to Get Started Using ACE" page of CBP.gov/ACE and click on "ACE Training and Reference Guides" and then on "ACE Reports." ACE Reports training information may also be accessed by clicking on the document and webinar titles above. CBP is planning additional webinars to highlight capabilities available in the updated ACE Reports interface. A future Cargo Systems Messaging Service (CSMS) will be published announcing the upcoming webinars.

Prior to the reports update, CBP became aware of an issue affecting ACE reports generated in earlier versions of Internet Explorer. CBP investigated the issue and instructed users to disable Internet Explorer's "Compatibility View" settings prior to launching ACE reports. On November 16, 2013, CBP deployed a fix for ACE Reports concerning the issues related to the Internet Explorer's "Compatibility View" settings. This fix alleviated the need to make changes to the Compatibility View settings. ACE Report users will be able to access ACE Reports through the ACE Portal with "Compatibility View" set to "On."

CBP encourages users with questions on the recently deployed capabilities or with ACE Reports to contact the CBP Technology Service Desk (TSD) at: 1-866-530-4172 or by email at: ace.support@cbp.dhs.gov. CBP appreciates the continued feedback received from our trade users.



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ACE Deployment B Coming Soon!

Following the implementation of Deployment A, CBP is moving forward with preparations for ACE Deployment B, scheduled for January 4, 2014. Deployment B is the second of seven planned deployments that will provide additional core trade processing capabilities to ACE and will bring CBP closer to the decommissioning of the corresponding capabilities in the Automated Commercial System (ACS). With ACE Deployment B, ACE trade users will benefit from new and expanded functionality:

- ACE Cargo Release enhancements that will integrate ocean and rail manifests, allow processing of partial quantities (with in-bonds), extension of the Cargo Release data roll out, completion of the cancellation process from ACE Entry Summary to ACE Cargo Release and a single accept/reject message for ACE Cargo Release entries;
- Entry Summary Validations related to simple duty calculations; and,
- Continued Partner Government Agency integration.

CBP will provide additional information via CSMS and CBP.gov as we get closer to the upcoming deployment date.

2013 ACE Achievements

The following is a summary of ACE achievements reached in 2013:

- In 2013 CBP successfully shifted ACE development to incorporate Agile methodologies that allow the agency to more quickly build and deploy ACE.
- The first release of new ACE features built using Agile methods was successfully implemented on November 4, 2013 and included new Cargo Release, Entry Summary, and PGA Integration capabilities. Periodic Monthly Statement continued to remain steady in 2013, and reached a record high in August, with 76% of duties and fees being processed in ACE.
- During the month of September 2013 26.741% of all 01, 03 and 11 entry types were filed in ACE by 258 authorized filers.
- CBP is working alongside 16 major airports and receiving data from 23 filing participants, for 1,224 importers, who are filing entries via the ACE Cargo Release pilot.
- Between May 29, 2012 and September 2013, a total of 170,237 ACE Cargo Release entries (Simplified Entries) have been filed in ACE.
- As of October 2013, more than 50% of ABI software vendors have completed certification and are approved to file ACE Entry Summaries.



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- Integration of Participating Government Agencies in ACE has increased, with five agencies now receiving live manifest, release and/or summary data via ACE and seven agencies, including CBP, accepting electronic data submission via the Document Image System pilot.

CBP would like to thank the trade community for their support of ACE. We encourage everyone who has not yet done so to begin filing their entry summaries in ACE.

2014 East Coast Trade Symposium Date Announced

CBP is proud to announce that the 2014 East Coast Trade Symposium is scheduled for March 6 – 7, 2014, in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Further information regarding the trade symposium details and online registration will be announced soon. CBP looks forward to seeing you at the 2014 East Coast Trade Symposium.

Recent Federal Register Notices (FRN)

CBP published two FRNs during the month of November 2013 concerning ACE:

- On November 4, 2013: CBP published [FRN, 78 FR 66039](#), announcing a modification of the National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test of Simplified Entry functionality in ACE. Changes addressed in this Notice include: renaming of the Simplified Entry test to the “ACE Cargo Release” test; removal of the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) status requirement for importer self-filers and customs brokers; modification of data elements; and additional filing capabilities for test participants. This notice also invites more participants to join the test.
- On November 19, 2013: CBP published [FRN, 78 FR 69434](#) announcing modifications and clarifications to the Entry Summary, Accounts and Revenue (ESAR [IV]) test concerning the processing of Post Summary Corrections (PSCs) to entry summaries that are filed in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). Modifications to the ESAR (IV) test program include allowing filers greater visibility to data filed in ACE as it relates to the original entry and any subsequent PSC, limiting certain additional data elements from being changed via PSC, and providing clarifications to bond obligations when a PSC has been filed.

To access the entire FRN documents, please click on the hyperlinked citations above.



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Recent ACE Updates

Please note that it may be necessary to copy and paste the hyperlinked URLs into your internet browser.

Updated ACE Documentation Now Available

CBP has posted an updated version on CBP.gov of the [ACE Development and Deployment Schedules](#), which reflects CBP's plan for developing core trade processing capabilities in ACE. The ACE Development and Deployment Schedules include information on the upcoming ACE capabilities, the planned deployments dates and the three mandatory use dates for ACE.

CBP has also posted an updated version of the ACE Stakeholder Product Backlog on CBP.gov. The [ACE Stakeholder Product Backlog](#) provides a sequenced listing of the core trade processing features planned to be developed in ACE and a brief description of each feature.

To access the updated *ACE Development and Deployment Schedules* or the *ACE Stakeholder Product Backlog*, please visit the "What's New with ACE?" page of CBP.gov/ACE or to download a copy directly, please click the hyperlinks above.

The [Broker Employee Data Upload Quick Reference Guide \(QRG\)](#) has been updated and posted to CBP.gov/ACE. This QRG provides instructions on adding individual employee data records into the ACE Portal or the use of a template that may be downloaded, saved to your computer and retrieved to make updates to broker employee data records simultaneously.

To access the updated QRG, please visit the "ACE Training and Reference Guides" page of CBP.gov/ACE or you may download a copy directly by clicking on the hyperlink above.

The November 2013 version of the [ACEopedia](#) has been posted to CBP.gov. The *ACEopedia* is updated monthly and provides the latest information on ACE capabilities and development efforts.

To access the *ACEopedia*, please visit the "What's New with ACE?" page of CBP.gov/ACE and click on **Current Status of ACE**. To download a copy of the *ACEopedia* directly, please click on the hyperlink above.



Reminder of the Month

ACE Reports Tip: Help Folder

Brokers, carriers, importers and sureties with ACE Portal accounts can see the “Help” folder under “Public Folder/ACE” in ACE Reports. This folder contains a copy of the ACE Reports User Guide and the ACE Reports Data Dictionary, which can be downloaded to your computer for reviewing, saving or printing.

Your Questions:

Do reports in the Account Management folder include both ACE and ACS Entry Summaries?

Yes, both ACE and ACS Entry Summaries will be displayed in Account Management Reports. There is a new field displayed which shows the System Source Code; ACE or ACS. The System Source Code data object is displayed as a standard data element on all Account Management details reports.

Why is the ESM 7068 Entry Summary Report showing multiple lines for the same entry summary?

The ESM 7068 Entry Summary Report has a column titled “Consignee Number (Line).” This represents the Ultimate Consignee for each line of the entry. If the entry summary has multiple line items and the line items have different Ultimate Consignees, then the report will return multiple records for the same entry summary record. If an entry has multiple line items but all the lines have the same Ultimate consignee, then the report will only show one line for the entry summary record.